

## Town of Eddington

SELECTMEN'S MEETING November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:00 P.M. Minutes 906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Called to order by Joan Brooks at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present, except C. Grover. (absence excused)

MINUTES: Meeting of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed.

D. Goodwin / C. Baker, Jr.

Vote 4-0.

<u>PUBLIC ACCESS</u>: Janet Hughes, a resident and business owner from Hampden, addressed the board, expressing her thoughts on the timing of availability and also an item on the agenda. She admitted that she was very upset to hear that a Moratorium Ordinance was on the agenda, to be discussed and perhaps voted on, when her company (Hughes Bros.) has a pending application submission for a quarry. Hughes expressed how uncomfortable it was to submit an application, assuming the proposed Moratorium was based on their application. Mrs. Hughes felt it was inappropriate in a public process and wanted to know who directed Russell to do this.

Susan Shane from the Planning board addresses the comments. Shane explained to Hughes that the Planning Board had requested that the Board of Selectmen consider a Moratorium on quarry applications, which wouldn't take place until the Selectmen review the request, have a Public Hearing and then a Special Town Meeting would be held for a vote on a Moratorium Ordinance. Sue Shane also explained that the current application submitted would be exempt from any moratorium and assured her it would be reviewed under current rules and regulations. That meeting will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for the month of October. Ellis spoke briefly of a motor vehicle crash on Rebel Hill Road, requiring 2 sets of jaws, and a small kitchen fire which was quickly extinguished. Ellis informed the board that the new SCBA equipment is all set and ready for use; training was complete as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Firefighter 1 & 2 State testing has been completed for members Kristine Letellier and Jeff Clark, Congrats to them both. Engine #321 will be out of service for a week or two, due to maintenance needed.

Police: Deputy Mason turned in report for October; he did not attend the meeting as he was on vacation this week.

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## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: No report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Planning Board Request for Moratorium on Quarry and Mineral Extraction Applications — The Planning Board submitted a letter of request to the Selectmen; copies were given to the board for review. Town Manager, Russell Smith, drafted a proposed Moratorium Ordinance, also included in the packets for review.

Selectmen Charles Baker and Peter Lyford both agreed that the proposed moratorium ordinance was not something they would sign; do to the way it was written.

Planning Board member Susan Shane spoke about some of the issues that prompted the letter of request for a Moratorium. There had been three inquires RE: Quarries, in the past year. The State's rules and regulations for a quarry seemed to be adequate and thought it may be enough, yet after the second application; the Planning Board had other questions that needed to be addressed. The zoning ordinance covers small, medium and large digging, so to speak. However a very large quarry was not covered in the way the board would have liked. Susan added that, times change, things change and we need to ensure the protection for the people and landowners. If the Planning Board is not allowed time to tweak the ordinance which may include asking other towns how they have "handled it", etc., they really have no way to govern it. Susan Shane explained that the Planning Board was simply asking the Selectmen to grant them permission to write the ordinance.

Donn Goodwin asked if the current application by Hughes would be effected by this. No, it would not. Charles Baker asked if the new application gets disapproved, will they be inside the Moratorium window. Yes, if they get denied this time. It was suggested by board members that the proposed ordinance be sent back to the Planning Board for their review and some tweaking before it was sent back to the Selectmen for a vote.

Moratorium Ordinance - A motion was made, seconded and passed to not encourage the development of a Moratorium Ordinance at this time.

P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr.

Vote 4-0.

MRC Board of Directors Election Ballot – A motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate the candidate from Bar Harbor. P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen Representative to the School Board – Rusty Gagnon highly suggested a selectmen be in attendance at the school board meetings every third Monday of the month. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Peter Lyford & Charles Baker, Jr., they will alternate meetings.

P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr.

Vote 4-0.

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Rights Based Ordinance Workshop, Scheduled for November 26, 2013 at 6:30 – Russell informed the Selectmen that Gretchen Heldmann, a member of the Planning Board, has organized this workshop; it is open to the public. A Representative has been lined up to speak in the municipal meeting room at 6:30. All board members are encouraged to attend.

WARRANT: Sign warrants for November, 2013. C. Baker, Jr./D. Goodwin Vote 4-0.

<u>PUBLIC ACCESS</u>: Charles Baker, Jr. said he would like to see the Planning Board members salaries doubled, due to the amount of time they have spent and continue to spend researching so many different issues, the extra time they put in, etc. Baker asked how to go about making this happen. Russell explained that it would need to be approved at a town meeting. Susan Shane spoke about how the current applications these past few months have kept them so busy that the regular issues have been put on a back burner, so to speak.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. P. Lyford /C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.

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Peter Lyford Selectmen

Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman

Donn Goodwin, Selectmen